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Pentachloronitrobenzene (PCNB)
Pentachlorophenol
Polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs)
Pronamide
Silvex (2,4,5-TP)
2,4,5-T
TDE
1,2,4,5-Tetrachlorobenzene
2,3,7,8-Tetrachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin (TCDD)
Tetrachloroethane
Tetrachloroethylene
2,3,4,6-Tetrachlorophenol
Toxaphene
1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene
1,1,1-Trichloroethane
1,1,2-Trichloroethane
Trichloroethylene
2,4,5-Trichlorophenol
2,4,6-Trichlorophenol
Tris(2,3-dibromopropyl) phosphate

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§ 173.32 Qualification, maintenance and use of portable tanks other than Specification IM portable tanks.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, each portable tank used for the transportation of hazardous materials must conform to the requirements of the specification and regulations for the transportation of the particular commodity. Except for Specification 56 and 57 portable tanks, a manufacturer's data report of the portable tank must be procured and retained in the files of the owner during the time that such portable tank is used for such service.

(1) When a portable tank is used as a cargo tank, it must conform to all the requirements prescribed for cargo tanks. (See §173.33).

(2) [Reserved]

(3) Each uninsulated portable tank used for the transportation of compressed gases, as defined in §173.115, must have an exterior surface finish conforming to §178.245-1(e) of this subchapter.

(4) No portable tank or specification 106A or 110A tank containing a hazardous material may be offered for transportation aboard a passenger vessel unless:

(i) The vessel is operating under a change to its character of vessel certification as defined in §171.8 of this subchapter; and

(ii) The material is permitted to be transported aboard a passenger vessel in §172.101 of this subchapter.

(5) Where IM-101 and IM-102 portable tanks are prescribed, Specification 51 portable tanks otherwise conforming to the special commodity requirements of §172.102(c)(7) of this subchapter may be used.

(6) A DOT 51 portable tank may be used where DOT 56 or DOT 57 type portable tanks or DOT 60 portable tanks are authorized. A DOT 60 portable tank may be used where DOT 56 or DOT 57 type portable tanks are authorized. A higher integrity tank used instead of a specified portable tank must meet the same design profile; e.g., a DOT 51 portable tank must be lined if used instead of a lined DOT 60 portable tank.

(b) Any portable tank container constructed prior to May 15, 1950, complying with the requirements of either the A. S. M. E. Code for Unfired Pressure Vessels, 1946 Edition, or the A. P. I.-A. S. M. E. Code for Unfired Pressure Vessels, 1943 Edition, may be used for the transportation of liquefied compressed gas, provided it fulfills all the requirements of this part and specifications for the particular gas or gases to be transported therein and shall be marked "ICC Specification 51X" on the plate required by the specification, except as modified by any or all of the following:

(1) Tanks designed and constructed in accordance with Pars. U-68, U-69, or U-201 of the A. S. M. E. Code may be used. Tanks designed and constructed in accordance with Par. U-68 or U-69 may be re-rated at a working pressure 25 percent in excess of the design pressure for which the tank was originally constructed. If advantage is taken of the increased rating, the re-rated pressure shall be marked on the plate as follows:

Re-rated working pressure—psig

NOTE 1: For purposes of setting safety relief valves, pressure control valves and establishing retest pressure, and for purposes of establishing maximum and minimum design pressures, the re-rated working pressure shall be considered as the equivalent of the design pressure as defined in the specification.

(2) Loading and unloading accessories, valves, piping, fittings, safety and gauging devices, do not have to

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comply with the requirements for the particular location on the tank.

(3) Specification requirements as to stress-relieving and radiographing are waived.

(c) Any portable tank container of ICC Specification 50¹ fulfilling the requirements of that specification may be continued in service for transportation of a liquefied petroleum gas if it is retested every five years in accordance with the requirements of paragraphs (e)(2) of this section: *Provided*, That it is in and can be maintained in safe operating condition for the transportation of that gas. In this case the container may retain its original markings.

(d) *Use of Specification 52, 53, 56 and 57 portable tanks.* Continued use of an existing portable tank constructed to DOT Specification 52 or 53 is authorized only for a tank constructed before June 1, 1972. Continued use of an existing portable tank constructed to DOT Specification 56 or 57 is authorized only for a tank constructed before October 1, 1996. A stainless steel portable tank internally lined with polyethylene, which was constructed on or before October 1, 1996, and complies with all requirements of Specification 57 except that it is equipped with a polypropylene discharge ball valve and polypropylene secondary discharge opening closure, may be marked as a Specification 57 portable tank and used in accordance with the provisions of this section.

(e) *Retest.* Each portable tank used for the transportation of a hazardous material must be successfully retested before further use in accordance with the following:

(1) *Schedule.* Each tank must be retested as prescribed in paragraph (e)(2) of this section, in accordance with the following schedule:

(i) Specification 51 (§178.245 of this subchapter): At least once every 5 years.

(ii) Specifications 52, 53, 56 and 57 portable tanks (§§178.251, 178.252, 178.253 of this subchapter): At least once every 2.5 years.

(iii) Specification 60 (§178.255 of this subchapter): At the end of the first 4-year period after the original test; at least once every 2 years thereafter up to a total of 12 years of service; and at least once annually thereafter. Retesting is not required on a rubber-lined tank except before each relining.

(iv) Any other portable tank authorized by this part for transportation of compressed gases (including liquefied compressed gases): At least once every 5 years.

(2) *Test procedures.* Unless otherwise specified, each tank must be retested in accordance with the following test procedures:

(i) *Pressure.* Each Specification 60 tank must be retested in accordance with §178.255-12 of this subchapter. Each Specification 57 tank must be leak tested by a minimum sustained air pressure of at least three pounds per square inch gage applied to the entire tank. Any other tank must be tested by a minimum pressure (air or hydrostatic) of at least 2 pounds per square inch gage or at least one and one-half times the design pressure (maximum allowable working pressure, or re-rated pressure) of the tank, whichever is greater. During each air pressure test, the entire surface of all joints under pressure must be coated with or immersed in a solution of soap and water, heavy oil, or other material suitable for the purpose of detecting leaks. The pressure must be held for a period of time sufficiently long to assure detection of leaks. During the air or hydrostatic test, relief devices may be removed, but all the closure fittings must be in place and the relief device openings plugged. Lagging need not be removed from a lagged tank if it is possible to maintain the required test pressure at constant temperature with the tank disconnected from the source of pressure.

(ii) *Visual.* While under the test pressure, the tank must be visually inspected for leakage, defective fittings and welds, defective closures, significant dents, and other defects or abnormalities which indicate a potential or actual weakness that could render the tank unsafe for the transportation of a hazardous material.

¹ Use of existing portable tanks authorized, but new construction not authorized.

(iii) *Rejection criteria.* A tank fails to meet the requirements of the pressure test if, during the test, there is permanent distortion of the tank exceeding that permitted by the applicable specification, if there is any leakage, or if any deficiencies described in paragraph (e)(2)(ii) of this section are found. Any tank that fails must be rejected and may not be used again for the transportation of a hazardous material unless the tank is adequately repaired and thereafter a successful test is conducted in accordance with the requirements of this paragraph.

(3) *Marking.* The date of the most recent periodic retest must be marked on the portable tank, on or near the metal certification plate. Marking must be in accordance with §178.3 of this subchapter, except that a portable tank manufactured under a previously authorized specification may continue to be marked with smaller markings if originally authorized under that specification (e.g., DOT Specification 57 portable tanks).

(4) *Records.* The owner of the tank or his authorized agent must retain a written record indicating the date and results of all required tests and the name and address of the tester, until the next retest has been satisfactorily completed and recorded.

(5) A portable tank for which the prescribed retest or reinspection under paragraph (e)(1) of this section has become due may not be filled and offered for transportation until the retest or reinspection has been successfully completed. This paragraph does not apply to any tank filled prior to the test due date.

(f) *Special tanks.* Each portable tank authorized by this part including each exemption tank (other than a tank covered by paragraph (e)(1)(iv) of this section) which is not in compliance with one of the specifications listed in paragraph (e) of this section, must be tested in accordance with the procedures prescribed in paragraph (e) of this section for the type of portable tank most nearly equivalent in design and usage. A tank constructed in accordance with paragraph U-68 or U-69 of previous editions of the ASME Code, and which has not been re-rated, must be hydrostatically retested at twice

the design pressure instead of the one and one-half times prescribed in paragraph (e)(2)(i) of this section.

(g) *Deteriorated tanks.* Without regard to any other retest requirements, any tank that shows evidence at any time of significant dents, corroded areas, leakage, or other conditions that indicate weakness which could render the tank unsafe for the transportation of a hazardous material, must be retested as prescribed in paragraph (e)(2) of this section.

(h) *Damaged tanks.* Any tank that has been in an accident and that has been damaged to an extent that may adversely affect its product retention capability, must be retested as prescribed in paragraph (e)(2) of this section.

(i) *Unused tanks.* Any tank that has not been used to transport a hazardous material for a period of 1 year or more may not be returned to hazardous materials service until it has been tested successfully in accordance with the requirements of paragraph (e)(2) of this section.

(j) The Department may require the testing under prescribed conditions of any tank when probable cause appears for suspecting that such tank is in unsafe operating condition.

(k) The repair of tanks is authorized, provided such repairs are made under requirements prescribed in the "Code" for the original design and construction.

(1) In addition to any other provisions of the specification, no tank shall be repaired, or remodeled, as to cause leakage or cracks or likelihood of leakage or cracks, by areas of stress concentration due to shrinkage of cooling metal in welding operations, sharp fillets, reversal of stresses, or otherwise.

(2) No field welding shall be done except to non-pressure parts.

(l) The bursting strength of any piping and fittings shall be not less than four times the design pressure of the tank, and not less than four times that pressure to which, in any instance, it may be subjected in service, by the action of a pump or other device (not including safety relief valves) the action of which may be to subject certain portions of the tank piping to pressures greater than the design pressure of the tank.

(1) Pipe joints shall be threaded, welded or flanged. If threaded pipe is used, the pipe and pipe fittings must not be lighter than (Schedule 80) weight. Nonmalleable metals must not be used in the construction of valves or fittings. Where copper tubing is permitted, joints must be brazed or be of equally strong metal union type. The melting point of brazing material may not be lower than 1000 °F. The method of joining tubing must not decrease the strength of the tubing such as by the cutting of threads.

(2) Fittings shall be extra heavy. Non-malleable metals shall not be employed in the construction of valves or fittings.

(3) Suitable provision shall be made in every case to allow for expansion, contraction, jarring and vibration of all pipe. Slip joints shall not be used for this purpose.

(4) Piping and fittings shall be grouped in the smallest practicable space and shall be protected from damage as required by the specification.

(5) All piping, valves and fittings on every tank shall be leakage tested with gas or air after installation and proved tight at not less than the design pressure of the tank on which they are used. In the event of replacement, all such piping, valves, or fittings so replaced shall be tested in accordance with the requirements of this section before the tank is returned to transportation service. The requirements of this section shall apply with equal force to all hose used on such tanks, except that such hose may be so tested either before or after installation on the tank.

(m) All materials of construction used in portable tank containers and their appurtenances shall not be subject to destructive attack by the contents of the tank.

(1) All parts of tanks and appurtenances for anhydrous ammonia shall be steel. No copper, silver, zinc, nor their alloys shall be permitted. Brazed joints shall not be permitted.

(2) [Reserved]

(n) Each outlet of portable tanks used for the transportation of liquefied compressed gases, except carbon dioxide, shall be provided with a suitable automatic excess-flow valve. These

valves shall be located inside the tank or at a point outside the tank where the line enters or leaves the tank. The valve seat shall be located inside the tank or shall be located within a welded flange or its companion flange, or within a nozzle or within a coupling. The installation shall be made in such a manner as reasonably to assure that any undue strain which causes failure requiring functioning of the valve shall cause failure in such a manner that it will not impair the operation of the valve.

Exception. Safety device connections and liquid level gauging devices which are so constructed that the outward flow of tank contents shall not exceed that passed by a No. 54 drill size opening are not required to be equipped with excess-flow valves.

(1) Excess-flow valves shall close automatically at the rated flows of gas or liquid as specified by the valve manufacturer. The connections or lines on each side of the excess-flow valve, including valves, fittings, etc., shall have a greater capacity than the rated flow of the excess-flow valve.

(2) Excess-flow valves may be designed with a by-pass, not to exceed a No. 60 drill size opening, to allow equalization of pressures.

(3) Filling and discharge lines shall be provided with manually operated shut-off valves located as close to the tank as is practicable. The use of so-called "Stop-Check" valves to satisfy with one valve the requirements of this paragraph and of paragraph (n) of this section, is forbidden.

(o) Each tank for carbon dioxide and nitrous oxide shall be lagged with a suitable insulation material of such thickness that the overall thermal conductance is not more than 0.08 Btu per square foot per degree F. differential in temperature per hour. The conductance shall be determined at 60 °F. Insulation material used on tanks for nitrous oxide shall be noncombustible.

(p) A refrigerating and/or heating coil or coils may be installed in tanks for carbon dioxide and nitrous oxide. Such coils must be tested externally to at least the same pressure as the test pressure of the tank. The coils must also be tested internally to at least twice the working pressure of the heating or refrigerating system to be used

but in no case less than the test pressure of the tank. Such coils shall be securely anchored. The refrigerant or heating medium to be circulated through the coil or coils must be such as to cause no adverse chemical reaction with the tank or tank contents in case of leakage.

(q) *Maximum Lading Pressure.* Prior to filling and offering a portable tank for transportation, the person must confirm that the portable tank conforms to the specification required for the lading and that the maximum allowable working pressure (MAWP) of the portable tank is greater than or equal to the largest pressure obtained under the following conditions:

(1) For compressed gases and certain refrigerated liquids that are not cryogenic liquids, the pressure prescribed in § 173.315 of this subchapter.

(2) For liquid hazardous materials not covered in paragraph (q)(1) of this section, the sum of the vapor pressure of the lading at 46 °C (115 °F), plus the tank static head exerted by the lading, plus any pressure exerted by the gas padding, including air in the ullage space.

(3) The pressure prescribed in subpart B, D, E, F, G, or H of this part, as applicable.

(4) The maximum pressure used to load or unload the lading.

(r) Unless otherwise specified, where a portable tank is authorized, minimum tank design pressure is 172 kPa (25 psig) for any Packing Group I or Packing Group II liquid lading that meets more than one hazard class definition.

(s) Any DOT specification portable tank manufactured prior to January 1, 1992 that is equipped with a non-reclosable pressure relief device can continue in service for the commodities for which it is authorized. Except for DOT Specification 56 and 57 portable tanks, any DOT specification portable tank manufactured after January 1, 1992 used for materials meeting the definition for Division 6.1 liquids, Packing Group I or II, Class 2 gases, or Class 3 or 4 liquids, must be equipped with a reclosing pressure relief valve having adequately-sized venting capacity.

(t) *Exemption portable tanks based on DOT 51 portable tanks.* (1) The owner of a portable tank constructed in accordance with and used under an exemption issued prior to August 31, 1996, that was in conformance with the requirements for Specification DOT 51 portable tanks with the exception of the location of fill and discharge outlets, shall examine the portable tank and its design to determine if it meets the new outlet requirements contained in § 178.245–1(d) of this subchapter. If the owner determines that the portable tank is in compliance with all the requirements of § 178.245 of this subchapter, the exemption number stenciled on the portable tank shall be removed and the specification plate (or a plate placed adjacent to the specification plate) shall be durably marked “DOT 51–E*****” (where ***** is to be replaced by the exemption number).

(2) During the period the portable tank is in service, and for one year thereafter, the owner of the portable tank must retain on file at its principal place of business a copy of the last exemption in effect.

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§ 173.32a Approval of Specification IM portable tanks.

(a) *Application for approval.* (1) An owner or manufacturer of an IM portable tank (§§ 178.270 through 178.272 of this subchapter) shall apply for approval to any approval agency designated to approve that tank in accordance with the procedures in subpart E, part 107 of this chapter.

(2) Each application for approval must contain the following information:

(i) Three complete copies of all engineering drawings, calculations, and test data necessary to insure that the design complies with the relevant specification.

(ii) The manufacturer’s serial number that will be assigned to each portable tank.

(iii) A statement as to whether the design type has been examined by any